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Mr. Hasan Ikhata, Executive Officer  
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Dear Mr. Ikhata:

**SUBJECT:** Conformity Determination for SCAG's Amendment #1 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and Amendment #08-01 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the conformity determination for the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) Amendment #1 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), *Making the Connections*, and Amendment #08-01 to the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). A FTA/FHWA air quality conformity determination is required for these Amendments pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Metropolitan Planning Rule*, 23 CFR Part 450.

On December 4, 2008, SCAG adopted Amendment #1 to the 2008 RTP and Amendment #08-01 to the 2008 RTIP and made the corresponding conformity determinations via Resolution 08-504-3. The conformity analysis submitted by SCAG indicates that all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based on our review, we find that Amendment #1 to the 2008 RTP and Amendment #08-01 to the 2008 RTIP conform to the applicable state implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 15, 2004, *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination. Additionally, this conformity determination was made after consultation with the EPA, Region 9 office.

In accordance with the above MOU, the FHWA's single signature constitutes FHWA and FTA's joint air quality conformity determination for SCAG's Amendment #1 to the 2008 RTP and

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Amendment #08-01 to the 2008 RTIP. If you have any questions pertaining to this conformity finding, please contact Aimee Kratovil, FHWA, at (916) 498-5866.

Sincerely,

*/s/ K. Sue Kiser*

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